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SLACKER LISIS SEEN AS BAKER TRAP, INTO WHICH WEEKS WALKS

Predecessor Left Names for New War Secretary to Publish

HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO MAKE ALL PUBLIC

Present Chief Not Blamed, but Subordinate May Be Responsible

PERSISTS IN HIS COURSE DESPITE MUCH CRITICISM

Murdock's Good Suggestion Virtually Ignored and Innocent Men Suffer Disgrace

PUT IN BERGDOLL'S CLASS

Newspapers Refuse to Help in Action That Humiliates Thousands of Patriots

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

Washington, May 16.—Has the present Administration fallen into a cunningly devised trap? A trap triggered set by the War Department officials of the Wilson regime?

The cumulative evidence of the disfavor with which the War Department lists of deserters are being received by the newspapers looks very much like it.

It has never been explained why Secretary Newton D. Baker did not publish these lists. He had nearly two years in which to do so.

Why did he leave this question, full of dynamite, open for his successor, full of doubts?

Secretary Baker evidently pre-arranged just what has come to pass. He decided to sidestep and "let George do it." The "George" in this case appears to be Secretary Newton D. Baker.

It was certainly not for lack of good and sufficient warning.

Should Have Seen Danger

The efforts of the American Legion months ago to obtain some light on the charges of slackness and desertion, and the failure to go beyond the outer line of Secretary Baker's defense, should have been a danger signal to the new Administration's War Department.

The protests of Major W. G. Murdock, the Government's official in charge of the draft in Pennsylvania, as well as the protests of the War Department, should have been published nearly every day by leading papers.

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Where Trouble May Lie

NORTHERN LIGHTS AGAIN PLAY HAVOC WITH WIRE SYSTEM

Western Union Lines "Go Wild" for Fifteen Minutes—Messages Unreadable

MUCH DAMAGE DONE; POSTAL NOT AFFECTED

Says, Mr. Edison—

What is the Aurora Borealis, anyway? What's it got to do with spots on the sun?

What does it have to do with spots on the sun? What was the maiden name of the maternal great-grandmother of old man Roosevelt?

Western Union telegraph wires "went wild" for fifteen minutes in the Philadelphia district at 9:30 o'clock this morning, due to the mysterious influence of the aurora borealis, or northern lights, which came to visit the earth Saturday night.

The disturbance was not limited to the United States, as reports from abroad indicated. Cables between England and the United States were affected in a marked degree, transmission of messages being delayed.

According to the cabled reports, telegraph and telephone lines in the British Isles were affected at the same time the wires in the United States were crippled. A fire destroyed a telephone exchange at Karlstad, a Swedish town 100 miles from Stockholm.

Though several young persons without a visitation from this strange phenomenon, neither astronomers nor electrical experts know much about it. The experts say the electrical disturbances were caused by the aurora, with diminishing intensity for the next forty-eight hours.

The tie-up of telegraph wires in and out of Philadelphia had not been expected, particularly because the effects of the northern lights had been growing less all day yesterday. The telegraph wires in Philadelphia are in common with every other center throughout the country, was at its height early yesterday, after the brilliant display of northern lights Saturday night.

During the day it lessened, and after 10 o'clock last night was not noticeable. The wire chiefs had concluded that their troubles were over when the Western Union system began to act strangely again today.

When captured he said he was John O'Leary, Second and Walnut streets. He was held in \$1000 bail for court by Magistrate Harrigan, in the Second and Christian streets station.

The revolver fight followed an attack at Fifth and Fitzwater streets on Munch Benture, 776 South Sixth street, a sailor, who was surrounded and beaten by men said to be strike sympathizers.

Benture's left eye was badly injured and physicians at the Pennsylvania Hospital say he may lose the eye. The commotion attracted John Silver, proprietor of a boarding house at 308 Fitzwater street.

When Silver ran out one of the strikers fired several shots at him but missed. The reports brought District Detective Harry Walker on the run. He singled out the man with the revolver.

The pursuit led to the cemetery, where Walker was joined by several patrolmen. They fired at O'Leary, who crouched back of a tombstone and returned the fire. No one was hit. When O'Leary's fire ceased the police outflanked him.

FORMER WIFE MAN'S HEIR IF SHE WILL GET DIVORCE

Will of Frederick Eick Strikes at Her Second Husband

A bequest of \$5000 to his former wife was made in the will of Frederick Eick, wool manufacturer, who lived at 3212 North Fitzwater street, and who she divorced her present husband.

The former Mrs. Eick is now Mrs. Bertha W. Krause. Her husband is an Atlantic City man, but she is not living with him. He refused today to discuss the strange bequest made to his wife. It is understood she is living somewhere in New Jersey.

It is not known whether Mrs. Krause will object to taking the next step, that of getting a divorce, to gain the \$5000 bequest, which also carries with it interest from the time she and her first husband were divorced, thirteen years ago. The only other way she can gain the money is through the death of her present husband.

Do YOU Want to Become A FILM STAR?

We have arranged to place three young women with the Betzwood Film Co., first in minor parts at \$40 a week; then in the ingenue part at \$100 a week.

After that the whole world of motion picture glory is open to them, and their futures will be what they themselves make them. The Betzwood Film Co. has contracted to make a series of comedies based on the "Toonerville Trolley" funny pictures. The producer wants a new, fresh type of ingenue—the less her experience the better.

Why Don't YOU Take This Chance?

A dozen film stars of today got their start through so-called "beauty contests." We want PERSONALITY more than beauty, so you need not have the perfect features or form of a Venus to enter. You will find full details today in our Daily Movie Magazine. Turn to it. Read the announcement. Then enter the contest.

See the Movie Magazine You'll find it on Page 14

GARRETT BODY EXHUMED TODAY

Taylor Gets Permit and Coroner's Physician Will Make Re-examination

SEEKING "MYSTERY WOMAN"

A permit to exhumate the body of Miss Anna Garrett, of Swarthmore, whose body was found in Brandywine Creek April 16, was obtained today by District Attorney Taylor, of Delaware County.

This afternoon the coroner's physician of the county will make another examination of the body of the woman who disappeared from her home April 1 in an effort to determine if she was struck or beaten or if death was due to any cause other than drowning.

At the same time Mr. Taylor announced he had obtained the name of an anonymous writer, charging that the woman was smothered to death in her own home and that the body was taken to the creek by a man and a woman, an act which he charged was a crime.

Mr. Taylor said he has relatives in Camden and Philadelphia and police of both cities have been asked to keep watch for him.

A neighbor saw the flames and upon going to the house found the women's bodies burning from fires that had been set in bedfurnace. Freeman arrived in time to save the building. Two men who tried to seize the fleeing raiders were stabbed, but were not seriously injured.

In another house a man, seventy years of age, was attacked and beaten with a poker. He was then gagged and bound and clothing and bedding was piled on top of him. The man's wife, who was aged fifty, collapsed, but he, while bound, managed to struggle to a police station and give an alarm.

Mr. Taylor has promised full immunity from publicity to the woman if she comes forward and tells what she knows of the case. The District Attorney said he had no objection to this, but a plea to the woman publicly through the newspapers if she was not located by his detectives in a day or so.

A. N. Garrett Examined

The first person examined today at Meigs was Albert N. Garrett, of Media, Miss Garrett's cousin, who had private detectives at work in an effort to trace the movements of the wealthy Swarthmore woman.

On examination, in Mr. Taylor's private office, continued for an hour. At its end, Mr. Garrett declined to discuss the case. Other persons will be questioned during the day.

Charles Berwind Engaged

Persons in this city and Boston will be interested to hear of the engagement of Miss Helen H. Bennett, of Boston, daughter of Mr. Stephen H. Bennett, of 142 West 116th street, New York, and Mr. Charles Gordon Herwind, son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Herwind, of this city. Miss Bennett is a member of the Sewing Circle and is very popular in the younger set. She has visited in this city on several occasions. She is a sister of Mrs. Thomas Cottman, of Baltimore. No date has been set yet for the wedding.

IRISH SHOOT AND BURIAL IN LONDON AND LIVERPOOL

Kin of Royal Constabulary Singled Out for Vengeance. Sinn Fein Blamed

VICTIMS BOUND AND LEFT IN THEIR BURNING HOMES

Says Premier Would Meet De Valera Unconditionally

Dublin, May 16.—(By A. P.)—Premier Lloyd George, says the Freeman's Journal today, has offered to meet Eamon de Valera or other Irish leaders without conditions.

Mr. de Valera, adds the newspaper, replied that if the Premier made such a statement in public he (De Valera) would give a public reply.

Expressions of willingness on the part of British Government leaders to meet Irish republican representatives have hitherto been coupled with considerations, notably as to the cessation of hostilities in Ireland and with regard to the personality of the delegates, persons under the British Government ban being barred.

By the Associated Press

London, May 16.—Six houses in widely separated parts of Liverpool were raided and set on fire by parties unknown last night. The occupants of every house thus visited have relatives serving in the Royal Irish Constabulary. The inmates were in some cases gagged and bound, and the furniture was drenched with kerosene and set on fire, and in some instances the helpless people were left to the mercy of the flames. The raiders fled in automobiles.

The raids were in all ways similar to those made in suburban districts of London and Liverpool Saturday night. They are blamed on Sinn Fein.

One house in Liverpool that was raided was occupied by Mrs. Jennings, a widow and her daughter. The latter opened the door when there was a knock, and she was seized by the throat by the intruder. She struggled and fled to her mother, and then fainting. The women were too terrified to raise an alarm.

In another house where three sisters, who were overpowered by a dozen men, were bound and gagged, the intruders shot them if they stirred. The men then looted the furniture and fled.

Man Seventy Years Old Attacked

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Cripple Hurts Sewing-Machine

A sailor named Bransford, who lost a leg in the famous naval raid on Zeebrugge, refused to throw up his hands when men broke into his house, but when a small sewing machine in the room was seen getting on a trolley near her home from which time she dropped from sight.

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8 OLNEY HOMES ROBBED IN NIGHT BY SNEAK THIEF

Jewelry and Furs Bring Loss to More Than \$2000

A sneak thief entered eight homes in Olney through unfastened windows last evening and escaped with money, jewelry and furs of a total value of nearly \$2500.

Father Gives Life to Save His Son, 12, From Drowning

Westinghouse Village Man Victim of Brave Act During Fishing Trip in Tinicum Township Creek

Stanley Shirey, of Westinghouse Village, was drowned early last evening in a small stream in Tinicum Township in saving the life of his twelve-year-old son. The man sank in view of several persons along the river bank, who were powerless to aid him. His body was recovered.

Shirey and his son, with John Bailey, of the same village, went fishing in Darby Creek at a place known as the sluice. They separated after fishing for a while together and tried different points along the stream.

As twilight was setting in Shirey called to his son that it was about time to go home. Samuel prepared to pull in his line. While leaning over he evidently became dizzy and fell into the stream.

The boy's hands and feet became entangled in the fishing line, which prevented him from keeping afloat. He shouted for help. The elder Shirey at that time was about fifty yards away. He ran along the bank, and on seeing Samuel struggling in the water plunged into the stream.

He reached the boy as he was disappearing beneath the surface. With his arm around the neck of his son, Shirey started back for the shore. He was gasping for breath, and for a few minutes it looked as though he would succumb from exhaustion. Spurred on by the shouts of those along the bank, Shirey, by an almost superhuman effort, managed to reach the bank. Bailey, leaning far over the stream, took the limp form from the father. Bailey then reached for Shirey, but his last vestige of strength had gone. With safety only a few inches from him he sank from view.

The boy was not told that his father had died to save him until he reached home.

The father's body was recovered by Bailey and two other men after repeated dives. Shirey was then sent to Ridley Park Hospital. Efforts to revive him were futile.

By the Associated Press

London, May 16.—There may be a full meeting of the Supreme Allied Council for the purpose of discussing the situation which has arisen in Silesia as a result of the Polish revolt there.

Dispatches from Paris indicate M. Briand intends to lay the situation before the French Chamber of Deputies when it meets Thursday. There has been an exchange of views between the British and French Governments, but suggestions that a meeting be held have been met with assertions in Paris that it would be impossible for the French Premier to discuss the Silesian affair with Mr. Lloyd George until after Thursday.

Premier Briand conferred with Prince Eugene Sapieha, Polish Foreign Minister, yesterday, and it is assumed they took up the Silesian situation. M. Briand has received a note from the German Government, which asserts reports relative to the allocation of important districts in Silesia to the Germans were published in Polish papers, and could not be traced to Germans in any way. Assertion has been made that the Poles in Upper Silesia became alarmed by these reports, and sought to take over districts that the Supreme Allied Council was alleged to be planning to give to Germany.

Advices over the week end appeared to indicate a cessation of fighting in Upper Silesia, but there was nothing to show that the Poles were withdrawing from regions they occupied during the last two weeks. Newspaper comment here seemed to be more moderate, and reflected a disposition to advise Mr. Lloyd George and M. Briand to reach an amicable understanding.

Indignant comments of the French press regarding Prime Minister Lloyd George's speech on Poland before the House of Commons on Friday attracted much attention from London newspapers today. For the most part they were regretted and denigrated, although it was felt that the Premier's attitude relative to Poland is condemned blame was placed upon him.

The British Telegraph, which declared "the British nation is solidly behind the Premier in this matter," commented M. Briand, pointing out that Mr. Lloyd George was misinterpreted by French commentators, who represented him as urging authorization of the occupation of Upper Silesia by German troops.

The lack of restraint displayed on Wednesday was not serious.

By the Associated Press

London, May 16.—Canadian police today searched the Welland Canal for 1400 pounds of dynamite stolen last Friday night from the government stores near Allanburg. Several years ago an attempt to wreck the canal by explosives was made at Thorold, a few miles from Allanburg. Both Federal authorities and police have expressed suspicion that a similar plot by radicals led to the theft last week. So far they have found only one of the twenty-eight cases which contained the dynamite, and it was empty.

DOG SAVES DROWNING WOMAN

LONDON, May 16.—Four American women engaged in relief work at Constantinople narrowly escaped from drowning in the Bosphorus yesterday, says the Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Mail. There were in a rowboat in midstream when it sprang a leak and quickly sank. A Miss Cushman sank, but upon rising managed to seize her dog by the collar, and the animal dragged her to safety. Miss Aalers and Mrs. Uhis swam ashore, and when safe the latter found she was clutching a bank note with which to pay the boatman, who later received the money.

The fourth member of the party was a Miss Childers.

U. S. WINS MILLIONS BY COURT DECISION ON PROFITS TAXES

Supreme Bench Rules Increased Value of Any Capital Asset Is Corporation Gain

WETS LOSE ON SEVEN-YEAR RATIFICATION CONTENTION

By the Associated Press

Washington, May 15.—The Government won today in the Supreme Court its contention that increased value of any capital asset must be considered an corporation profits when taxes are computed.

The Court's decision was given in the appeal of the La Belle Iron Works from a ruling of the Treasury that as lands purchased for \$100,000 in 1904 must be returned in the 1917 report at \$10,000,000 and a profits tax paid on the difference. The opinion today sustained this ruling.

"The meaning of the act as to invested capital is clear," the Court said. "It was to cover actual cost of property, disregarding anything that does not change the form of the investment." Hundreds of millions of dollars in excess profits taxes were involved in the case, which was characterized by a high Government official as the "most important legal suit affecting Federal finances to arise in several decades."

The Court was unanimous in its decision except that Justice McReynolds concurred only in the result. Associate Justice Pitney read the opinion.

The Court also held that estate taxes paid under State laws cannot be deducted from the "net estate" upon which a tax is affixed under the Federal Revenue Act of 1916. This decision was made in affirming decrees of Federal Courts in New York in a suit brought by the executors of the estate of the late J. Hansen Purdy.

DRY AMENDMENT AGAIN SUSTAINED

Washington, May 16.—(By A. P.)—The requirement that the prohibition amendment be ratified within seven years by three-fourths of the States does not invalidate the entire measure, the Supreme Court today ruled.

The decision was given in the appeal of J. J. Dillon of San Francisco, from decisions in lower courts refusing his petition for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that the limitation made the amendment invalid.

In the course of the decision the court ruled formally that the prohibition amendment went to effect January 16, 1920. Dillon's alleged offense was on January 17, 1920.

Dillon was arrested while transporting a case of wine to the home of his owner. His counsel asserted that Section 3 of the amendment, originally proposed by Senator Harding, placed a limitation on the action of the State Legislatures and was therefore unconstitutional.

"We find that proposal and ratification of an amendment are treated as succeeding acts in a common endeavor," the opinion said, "and there is a fair implication that they should be fairly contemporaneous."

WON'T FIGHT FOR BEER

Medicine Manufacturers Want 'Medical Bootleggers' Eliminated

Washington, May 16.—(By A. P.)—Manufacturers of proprietary medicines are more concerned with the elimination of medical bootleggers than in the sale of beer to the sick, H. B. Thompson, their Washington representative, told the House Judiciary Committee today at hearings on the bill to tighten up the Volstead law. He declared that thousands of permits have been issued to such disguised bootleggers and are entirely satisfied if you proceed with enactment of a law to prohibit their use.

Mr. Thompson declared the manufacturers were "asking no favors for booze," but simply protection for legitimate medicine. When alcohol in proprietary medicines is meddled with, he said, it has a fine time drinking it for booze," he said.

Supreme Court Rules on Checks

Washington, May 16.—(By A. P.)—Federal Reserve Banks have not the right to refuse to cash checks on per collection of checks of non-member banks, the Supreme Court ruled today in effect. The court reversed decrees of Georgia courts which had refused to enjoin the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta from taking steps to force collection of checks drawn on a number of Georgia State non-member banks, "except through the usual and ordinary channels."

N. Y. Loses Appeal on Gas Rates

Washington, May 16.—(By A. P.)—Senator Newberry's Republican, Michigan, who recently resumed his official duties after recess by the Supreme Court of his conviction for violating the corrupt practices act, made his first call on President Harding today.

With his colleague, Senator Townsend, he asked the President to appoint Fenton B. McCree, of Flint, Mich., to some diplomatic post. Mr. McCree is a former Minister to Honduras.

NEWBERRY SEES HARDING

Senator Makes First White House Call Since Court Victory